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114.6 CMR 13.00: Health Safety Net Eligible Services Credit and Collection Policy Cross Reference Index

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The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (Division), under the authority of 114.6 CMR 13.08(5), is issuing this Administrative Bulletin to notify acute hospitals and community health centers (CHCs) of the Credit and Collection Policy Cross Reference Index which must be submitted with the Credit and Collection policies that are due by January 1, 2009.

The Division recently adopted amendments to the Health Safety Net (HSN) regulation, 114.6 CMR 13.00, effective October 1, 2008. 114.6 CMR 13.08(1)(c) requires HSN providers to revise their Credit and Collection policies to reflect regulatory changes and to submit the policies to the Division within 90 days of the effective date of the amended regulation. The Division recently notified HSN providers that the submission deadline for these policies is January 1, 2009.

In an effort to help HSN providers demonstrate compliance with the credit and collection regulatory requirements, the Division has developed a Credit and Collection Policy Cross Reference Index which is available on the Division's website at www.mass.gov/dhcfp. This index allows each HSN provider to match regulatory requirements to the relevant page(s) location in its Policy. The Index will help members of the public and Division staff to find particular provisions in the Policy. The Division requires that HSN providers submit a completed index with the policies.